

AMENDED CLAIMS

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1. Use of a composition comprising particles for damping vibrations performed by cooperating surfaces of a mirror adjustment mechanism relative to each other, wherein the cooperating surfaces adjustably connect a mirror holder for supporting the mirror element with a base plate which can be fixedly
5 mounted to the motor vehicle, and wherein the particles being positioned close to one of the surfaces are arranged to move to a lesser extent relative to that surface upon a high-frequency pivoting of the cooperating surfaces than particles being further removed from that surface.
2. Use of a composition comprising particles for damping vibrations
10 performed by cooperating surfaces of a mirror adjustment mechanism relative to each other, wherein the cooperating surfaces adjustably connect a mirror holder for supporting the mirror element with a base plate which can be fixedly mounted to the motor vehicle, and wherein the particles are arranged to generate friction between the particles and the cooperating surfaces upon a
15 high-frequency pivoting of the cooperating surfaces.
3. Use of a composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the composition comprises a metal salt of a fatty acid.
4. Use of a composition according to any of claims 1-3, wherein the metal salt of a fatty acid comprises a C6-C24 fatty acid, preferably a C8-C24
20 fatty acid, more preferably a C14-C22 fatty acid, still more preferably a C16-C20 fatty acid and/or a derivative thereof.
5. Use of a composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the fatty acid has been obtained from tallow.
6. Use of a composition according to any one of the preceding claims,
25 wherein the metal salt of a fatty acid comprises a metal which is selected from

the group consisting of magnesium, calcium, aluminum and zinc, preferably zinc.

7. Use of a composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the metal salt of a fatty acid comprises zinc palmitate, zinc stearate and/or zinc oleate.
8. Use of a composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the metal salt of a fatty acid is zinc stearate.
9. Use of a composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the composition is used in the form of a powder.
10. Use of a composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the composition adheres to the cooperating surfaces of the mirror adjustment mechanism.
11. Use of a composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the composition is hydrophobic.
12. A method for assembling a mirror adjustment mechanism for adjusting a mirror element of a mirror unit of a motor vehicle, wherein on cooperating surfaces which adjustably connect a mirror holder for supporting the mirror element with a base plate which can be fixedly mounted to the motor vehicle, a composition comprising particles is applied, and wherein the particles being positioned close to one of the surfaces are arranged to move to a lesser extent relative to that surface upon a high-frequency pivoting of the cooperating surfaces than particles being further removed from that surface.
13. A method for assembling a mirror adjustment mechanism for adjusting a mirror element of a mirror unit of a motor vehicle, wherein on cooperating surfaces which adjustably connect a mirror holder for supporting the mirror element with a base plate which can be fixedly mounted to the motor vehicle, a composition comprising particles is applied, and wherein the particles are arranged to generate friction between the particles and the cooperating surfaces upon a high-frequency pivoting of the cooperating surfaces.

14. A method according to claim 12 or 13, wherein the composition comprises a metal salt of a fatty acid.

15. A method according to any of claims 12-14, wherein the composition is applied directly onto the cooperating surfaces.

5 16. A mirror adjustment mechanism for adjusting a mirror element of a mirror unit of a motor vehicle, comprising a base plate which can be fixedly mounted to the motor vehicle, and a mirror holder for supporting the mirror element, wherein the mirror holder furthermore is adjustably connected with the base plate via cooperating surfaces of the mirror adjustment mechanism,
10 and wherein on the cooperating surfaces a composition comprising particles has been applied, and wherein further the particles being positioned close to one of the surfaces are arranged to move to a lesser extent relative to that surface upon a high-frequency pivoting of the cooperating surfaces than particles being further removed from that surface.

15 17. A mirror adjustment mechanism for adjusting a mirror element of a mirror unit of a motor vehicle, comprising a base plate which can be fixedly mounted to the motor vehicle, and a mirror holder for supporting the mirror element, wherein the mirror holder furthermore is adjustably connected with the base plate via cooperating surfaces of the mirror adjustment mechanism,
20 and wherein on the cooperating surfaces a composition comprising particles has been applied, and wherein further the particles are arranged to generate friction between the particles and the cooperating surfaces upon a high-frequency pivoting of the cooperating surfaces.

18. A mirror adjustment mechanism according to claim 16 or 17,
25 wherein the composition comprises a metal salt of a fatty acid.

19. A mirror adjustment mechanism according to any of claims 16-18, further comprising hinge parts, parts of which constitute the cooperating surfaces on which the composition has been applied.

20. A mirror adjustment mechanism according to any of claims 16-19,
30 furthermore comprising driving means for adjusting the mirror holder, wherein

parts of the driving means constitute the cooperating surfaces on which the composition has been applied.

21. A mirror adjustment mechanism according to any one of claims 16-20, wherein a first hinge part is substantially pivotable relative to a
5 second hinge part.

22. A mirror adjustment mechanism according to claim 21, wherein the first hinge part comprises a substantially spherically curved holder, and wherein the second hinge part comprises a substantially spherically curved ring or cup.

10 23. A mirror adjustment mechanism according to any one of claims 16-22, wherein the mirror holder is hingedly mounted, via the cooperating surfaces, to a frame for supporting the mirror unit, and wherein the frame is hingedly mounted to the base plate with the aid of a second hinge mechanism.

24. A mirror adjustment mechanism according to any one of claims 16-
15 23, wherein the mirror holder, via the cooperating parts, is directly hingedly connected with the base plate.